

# Connect Online Suicide Prevention Training for School Personnel



**School personnel are well positioned to notice changes in youth behaviors, attitudes, academic performance and social interactions which may signal symptoms of depression, substance misuse and suicide risk.**

A unique community-based intervention, Connect increases the competence of school communities to prevent suicide by recognizing and responding to individuals at risk. This training includes interactive case scenarios and protocols for school settings.

Includes:

- National best practices for school personnel and educators regarding school suicide prevention and crisis response related to suicidal behavior
- Identification of risk and protective factors and responding to warning signs for suicide
- Intervening with students or others at risk and connecting the individual with appropriate resources
- Transition plans for students who return to school after a suicide attempt
- Communicating with students and parents/guardians in crisis situations
- A review of individual school crisis response plans and suggestions for including suicide incidents as part of these plans
- Suicide as a public health issue and its impact on communities, family members and friends
- Suicide data and how age, gender, culture and other factors impact suicide risk
- Strategies for promoting help-seeking behavior and reducing stigmatizing attitudes
- Individual, family and community risk and protective factors and ways to strengthen the positive influences that prevent suicide and reduce risky behaviors
- Youth culture, including electronic communication, social networking, peer group influences and bullying and how these impact risk and protective factors
- Confidentiality and reporting requirements with respect to FERPA and HIPPA, and guidelines for timely response and notification
- Best practices around restricting access to lethal means, safe messaging, communication and responding to media inquiries
- Strategies to increase suicide prevention efforts through collaboration with community and school services
- Self-care skills

## Suicide Prevention/Intervention Training

### Length:

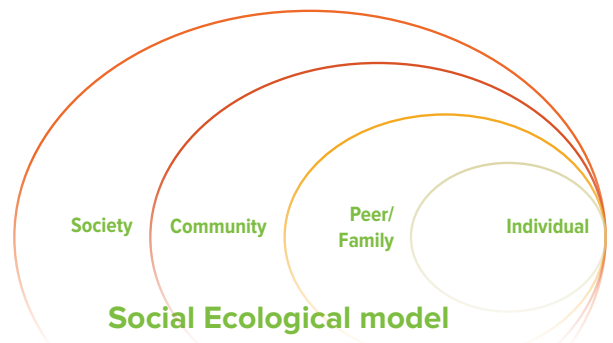
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### Audience:

All staff who have contact with students including faculty, health/counseling, transportation, custodial, food service, security and administrative personnel are encouraged to participate in the training to enhance an integrated school approach.

### Location:

Online: Options available for hybrid training that includes online and live training and consultation



Using a holistic, socio-ecological model, Connect examines suicide in the context of the individual, family, community, and society.